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REMARKS

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Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, and 17 were amended. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. In light of the following remarks, the applicant requests withdrawal of the pending rejections and advancement of this application to allowance.

A. Interview Summary

The undersigned attorney had a telephone interview with Examiners Koppikar and Thomas on August 3, 2006 during which they discussed the scope of the cited references and the pending claims. The applicants also discussed a terminal disclaimer, which is being filed concurrently herewith. The undersigned attorney thanks the examiners for their time and consideration.

B. Amendments

Claims 1, 7, 10, and 16 were amended to clarify that the parameters include patient specific parameters and batch downloading the parameters into memory within the pump. Claim 1 was also amended to clarify that the patient specific parameters are used to control operation of the pump. Claim 17 was amended to clarify the antecedent basis for a claim term.

Support for the amendments can be found at p. 5, ll. 1-12; p. 5, l. 19-p. 6, l. 4; p. 6, ll. 9-13; p. 10, ll. 13-19; and p.12, ll. 4-20. There may be other portions of the specification that support the amendments in addition to the particular passages that are cited in these remarks. Additionally, these citations do not limited the scope of the amended language or otherwise narrow the scope of the pending claims. The specification presents only exemplary embodiments of the claims and there may be other embodiments covered by the claims that are not explicitly disclosed in the specification or cited in these remarks.

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C. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the pending rejection and advancement of this application to issuance. The applicant also notes that there may be additional reasons that the claimed invention is patentably distinct form the cited references in addition to those raised in the above remarks. The applicant reserves the right to raise any such reason in the future.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 336-4608.

Respectfully submitted,

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